

CORA ANDERSON WAS A GOOD MAN TO BOTH HER WIVES—HOW SHE FOOLED SECOND ONE

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Milwaukee, Wis., May 14.—Cora Anderson, the woman whose amazing story I told in *The Day Book* yesterday—who dressed, lived, worked and loved as a man for 13 years, was a good man to her two wives!

Today I interviewed Marie White, who passed as "Ralph's" wife for over 12 years; and I also talked to poor little Dorothy Klenowski, the pretty blond girl whom Cora, as "Ralph," married a few months ago. I asked them both how "he" treated them.

"For a long time Cora and I found the relation a good working basis. Cora was a good companion to me for many of those years. But I think during the last year both of us began to tire of the arrangement. It was not normal.

"The ambition of every girl is to have a home and a real husband, and we are no exceptions. We often talked of breaking up the arrangement and last fall she left and even got as far away as Chicago. But she returned. I think, however, that we both were tired; we wanted to be real again.

"I think at first we were both very happy. We had the knowledge that we were doing something out of the ordinary, and that, you know, is always interesting.

"For a number of years Cora was the same sweet girl chum, when she was with me, that she had always been, but I began to notice a little coarseness creep in.

"She began to think as a man and at last I think she began to think she was a man. I was worried for fear she was giving herself up to this delusion, and I told her that she should get back into the refining influence of skirts.

"She resented this, and we had many differences about it and other actions that I did not consider right,

and at last Cora left home, and the next thing I heard was that she was seen at dances with this other little girl.

"I know I am getting the blame for telling this secret, and perhaps it is just as well, as I think I should have done it later, anyway.

"A woman wants the love of a man. She wants a husband and children. This neither of us could have had as long as we were posing as man and wife."

Miss White speaks with even better diction than Miss Anderson. She impresses you as being far above the average person in intelligence. She has written and is writing for some of the high-class magazines.

Dorothy Klenowski, the girl whom Cora really married, was in tears when I talked to her.

"My heart was almost broke when I found out that Ralph was really a woman," said she.

"He" was bigger to me than any man could be," she went on through her tears. "He did not ask anything of me only to be happy.

"I'll be a good chum to 'him,' if I can't be 'his' wife, as long as I live, because I love 'him.'"

"All the other men who have tried to make love to me seemed to have only one purpose in view. I suppose that many other girls can tell the same story, but I have had to leave place after place of employment because of the overtures to me by either the proprietors or others in authority.

"When 'Ralph' came and took me out to the shows, the restaurants and the dance halls and never acted as though he wanted anything bad of me, of course I loved him. Wouldn't you?"

Dorothy is still living at the boarding house with "Ralph," and when I called there her mother was also with the two girls.

When I called on Cora Anderson